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In re Patent Application of:
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For: COMONENT PART HAVING A
HIGH ABSORPTIVE EFFECT
OVER A BROAD FREQUENCY
RANGE

Art Unit: NOT YET ASSIGNED

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to calculation of any fees, please amend the Application to eliminate multiple
claim dependency as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 6, 7, 8, and 15 from the Amended Sheet(s) with new claims 6, 7,
8, and 15 which have been amended as shown in the attached marked-up copy of the claims.